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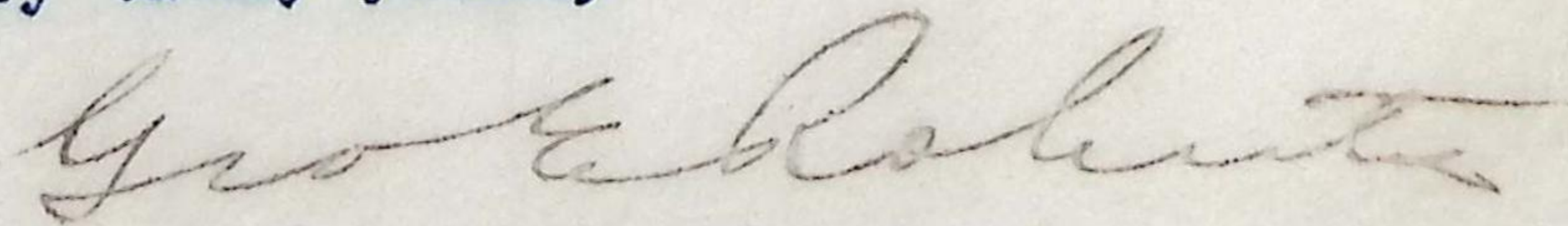
Sir:

I found Mr. Thompson, Secretary of the Lafayette Monument Commission, on the train yesterday afternoon, on his way to Washington, he is now here. The suggestion I am disposed to view with most favor is the one for a design of the monument on one side and the heads of Washington and Lafayette on the other. I think these heads be placed with one partly covering the other as they are sometimes, so as to show only the face of the one underneath.

Mr. Peck is strongly disposed towards having Lafayette's prayer on the coin if practicable. I enclose copy of it.

Mr. Thompson is going back to New York about Friday or Saturday and will stop in Philadelphia to see you.

Very truly yours,



Director of the Mint.